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November 20, 2002

REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

BY FAX

Mr. James D. Brusslan
150 North Wacker Drive
Suite 3000
Chicago, Illinois 60606

Re: Ellsworth Industrial Park Site
Downers Grove, Illinois

Dear Mr. Brusslan:

Thank you for your letter dated November 19, 2002, concerning the ongoing negotiations in which the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) is involved regarding the above-referenced Site. Your letter requests that you be provided with correspondence regarding these negotiations and that you be included in the negotiations.

The U.S. EPA is not able to comply with your requests. The ongoing discussions are confidential settlement negotiations. In an October 24, 2002, meeting with you and several of your clients, U.S. EPA solicited your clients' concerns and opinions regarding Site-related issues. I agreed to keep you informed of the progress of U.S. EPA's settlement discussions. You and I have had several discussions since then, and I think you would agree that I have kept that commitment to you, while also respecting the confidential nature of some of the details discussed in the negotiations. I understand that you are also negotiating separately with the potentially responsible parties at this Site and so are presenting and attempting to resolve your clients' concerns with that group as well.

Please feel free to contact me at (312) 886-0562 if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas J. Krueger
Associate Regional Counsel

cc: Mazin Enwiya, U.S. EPA